

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR H.C.R. 2038

supporting proper forest management

Purpose

Expresses support for a reasonable and prudent multiple-use forest management policy to improve U.S. forest health.

Background

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) oversees the management of national forests. A national forest may be established to: 1) improve and protect the forest; 2) secure favorable water flow conditions; or 3) furnish a continuous lumber supply for use by U.S. citizens. The forest management objectives of the USFS include: 1) ecological restoration and protection; 2) research and product development; 3) fire hazard reduction; and 4) the maintenance of healthy forests. The Secretary of Agriculture may develop and administer a national forest's renewable surface resources for multiple use and the sustained yield of products and services obtained in the national forest (16 U.S.C. §§ 475 and 529; USFS).

Multiple use means: 1) the management and utilization of all national forest renewable surface resources that best meets the needs of U.S. citizens; and 2) the coordinated management of resources without impairment to national forest productivity (16 U.S.C. § 531)

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Expresses support for a reasonable and prudent multiple-use forest management policy to improve U.S. forest health.

House Action

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